

## CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A suspension of pentabromobenzyl acrylate (PBBMA), comprising PBBMA in the form of finely ground particles and a suspending agent selected from the group consisting of xanthan gums, anionic or nonionic purified, sodium modified montmorillonite, naphthalene sulfonic acid-formaldehyde condensate sodium salt, sodium, calcium or ammonium salts of sulfonated lignin, and acrylic acids/acrylic acids ester copolymer neutralized, sodium polycarboxyl, and a wetting agent selected from the group consisting of alkyl naphthalene sulfonates or their sodium salts, alkyl ether, alkylaryl ether, fatty acid diester and sorbitan monoesters, and polyoxyethylene (POE) compounds.

6. (Amended) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein said suspension comprises an aqueous suspension, and said suspending agent comprises xanthan gums.

11. (Amended) A suspension according to claim 3, wherein said surface active agent is selected from the group consisting of polyalkylene glycol ethers, free acids, organic phosphate esters, the dioctyl ester of sodium sulfosuccinic acid, and polyoxyethylene alkyl ethers.

13. (Amended) A process according to claim 12, further comprising the preparation of a suspension of a fire-retardant compound by grinding said fire-retardant synergist to the desired particle size, in water containing wetting agents, and then mixing said aqueous suspension of PBBMA with said suspension of said fire-retardant synergist.

14. (Amended) A process according to claim 13, wherein said suspension of said fire-retardant compound is added to a slowly stirred suspension of PBBMA, and stirring is continued until a homogeneous, mixed suspension is obtained.

## MARKED-UP COPY OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

1. (Twice Amended) A suspension of pentabromobenzyl acrylate (PBBMA), comprising PBBMA in the form of finely ground particles and a suspending agent selected from the group consisting of ~~xanthene-xanthan~~ gums, anionic or nonionic purified, sodium modified montmorillonite, naphthalene sulfonic acid-formaldehyde condensate sodium salt, sodium, calcium or ammonium salts of sulfonated lignin, and acrylic acids/acrylic acids ester copolymer neutralized, sodium polycarboxyl, and a wetting agent selected from the group consisting of alkyl naphthalene sulfonates or their sodium salts, alkyl ether, alkylaryl ether, fatty acid diester and sorbitan monoesters—type, and polyoxyethylene (POE) compounds.

6. (Amended) A suspension according to claim 1, wherein said suspension comprises an aqueous suspension, and said suspending agent comprises ~~xanthene-xanthan~~ gums.

11. (Amended) A suspension according to claim ~~10~~3, wherein said surface active agent is selected from the group consisting of polyalkylene glycol ethers, free acids, organic phosphate esters, the dioctyl ester of sodium sulfosuccinic acid, ~~or~~ and polyoxyethylene alkyl ethers.

13. (Amended) A process according to claim 12, further comprising the preparing preparation of a suspension of an additional fire-retardant compound in a way similar to the preparation of said PBBMA suspension by grinding said fire-retardant synergist to the desired particle size, in water containing wetting agents, and then mixing the two said aqueous suspensions of PBBMA with said suspension of said fire-retardant synergist.

14. (Amended) A process according to claim 13, wherein said suspension of said ~~additional~~ fire-retardant

compound is added to a slowly stirred suspension of PBBMA, and stirring is continued until a homogeneous, mixed suspension is obtained.

Please insert new claims 26 and 27 as follows:

26. (NEW) A process according to claim 12, further comprising the preparation of a suspension of an anti-foaming or defoaming compound by grinding said anti-foaming or defoaming compound to the desired particle size, in water containing wetting agents, and then mixing said aqueous suspension of PBBMA with said suspension of said anti-foaming or defoaming compound.

27. (NEW) A process according to claim 26, wherein said suspension of said anti-foaming or defoaming compound is added to a slowly stirred suspension of PBBMA, and stirring is continued until a homogeneous, mixed suspension is obtained.